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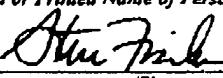
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In response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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